

# **Volente View**

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# **Townhall Meeting Announcement**

Meeting will be held on October 26th at 6:30pm at the Volente Firehall and via Zoom.

The topic will center around proposed BCRUA/VoV Inter-Local Agreement for the planned Lake Travis Deep Water Intake serving cities of Leander, Cedar Park and Round Rock. Citizens will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to Council.

## **City Council News**

Council, BOA and P&Z meetings ARE now being held at the Fire Hall, while following Covid precautions, or you can still watch and participate virtually via Zoom.

## Council Meeting actions:

#### September 21 and 28

- ◆voted to approve the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Please see the <u>Approved Budget</u> for details.
- ♦ voted to approve the tax rate of \$0.0864 per \$100 of value, or approximately \$86.40 on a \$100,000 home.
- ◆approved the hiring of Robert Dial to provide Quality Control for road maintenance in Volente.
- ♦ began discussing the steps that are needed to implement a process for updating the Comprehensive Plan, including a Request for Proposal to engage the services of a professional to lead the effort.
- voted to issue an RFQ for engineering services.

#### October 19

- ♦ approved the variances submitted by the BCRUA (For details you can review the video of the meeting on the VoV website.)
- ♦ approved the site plan for the BCRUA maintenance building.
- ♦ approved a resolution to give structure to the committee appointment process.
- ◆approved the purchase of a camera, mic, and speaker to be used for broadcasting Village meetings.

## **Election Information**

Meet the Candidates There have been two meet the candidate events this fall. If you missed them, you can find the recordings of each event on the date of the event. The two dates are September 30 and October 14

Voting Places October 18-29 is Early Voting period. You may vote at any of the early voting places in Travis County. Please see Travis County Polling Locations for a List of early voting places. The two sites that are closest to Volente are Unity Church of the Hills, 9905 Anderson Mill Rd, Austin 78750 and RRISD Hartfield PAC, 5800 McNeil Dr. Austin 78729. Where to Election day is November 2, 2021. VOTE ✓

## **Village Event**



#### Hayride and Fall Activities—October 30, 5:00 to 6:30

Come join the fun at Steichen Park Sponsored by VoV. Dress up and wear your costume! The hayride will travel down Reed Drive, go down 2769 to Booth Circle and take the Booth Circle loop before returning to the park. Children MUST be accompanied by at least one adult per family on the **hayride**!

#### **Other News**

#### **Census Data**

Total Population 561
Median Household income \$131,094
Bachelor's degree or Higher 50.8%
Employment rate 61.6%
Total Housing units 334
Total Households is 265
You can review more information



You can review more information at Volente Village Census Profile.

County Commissioner Ann Howard Visits the Village Travis County Commissioner Ann Howard, Volente's new commissioner, visited the Village on September 24 to learn more about the Village and what she can do to help the Village. All four of the council candidates were there for the meeting and joined into the discussion. Both water and fire safety were discussed and ways she could help us with these two major concerns. She offered her assistance to the Village when it begins updating our Emergency Management Plan. She wanted to know more about the BCRUA as this is a discussion for the next commissioners meeting. She asked that someone

from the Village attend that meeting to provide information to all the Travis County Commissioners. The meeting ended with a drive throughout the Village and her assurance that she would keep in touch with the Village.



#### Looking ahead

Mark your calendar now November 16 New Council Installed December Photo Shoot opportunity with "Ole Red" December 19 Village Christmas Party

## Did you know?

- ♦You can attend standing committee meetings via Zoom. The standing committee agendas are posted on the Village calendar and the public is invited to attend. Following the meetings, minutes can be found under the Government section on the Website.
- ♦You can get the recording of the Council Meeting by going to the website, click on the date of the meeting and find it listed below the agenda.

# **Start Spreading the News**

Currently the Villages has 160 active email addresses, so we know we are missing a lot of people. We want to "Spread the News" throughout the Village. Would you please check with your neighbors to see if they are getting emails and if not encourage them to submit their information on the Village website.

Online Subscription Form

## **Volente Spirit**

- ◆ Heartfelt thanks to **Tony Ruff**, **Tom Blauvelt**, and their little helper, **Addyson Weir**, for clearing the brush that had stacked up on Lime Creek Road.
- ◆ Special thanks also to **Mark Metro**, **Tim McMillan**, and **Tom Blauvelt** for their gracious offer to stain the Village Fence at Steichen Park.
- And a huge thank you to **Matthieu Peeters**, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Four Points MS, for helping with the the Village Message Board. Matthieu is the son of Eric Peeters and Laurence Paquet. Matthieu and his dad may be seen picking up trash in addition to his other volunteer efforts.

## **A Call For Volunteers**

During the months of November and December the Council will be looking for residents to volunteer to serve on one of the Village's committees: P&Z, BOA, and standing committees. The application process will begin on November 16 through December 21, 2021. More information will be sent by mail in early November explaining the details.

### **Central Texas Water Coalition**

The CTWC advocates for:

- ◆Responsible water management policies that minimize fire risks, risks to drinking water supplies, and adverse economic impacts resulting from very low lake levels
- ♦ Equitable pricing for water to encourage conservation by all.
- ◆Routine updating of hydrology and climatology studies utilized in LCRA's Water Management Plan, regional water planning, and other water management decisions.

The **CTWC** is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization advocating for water policies that will preserve the Highland Lakes as irreplaceable natural resources supplying water for more than two million Central Texans and providing an important economic engine for the tourism industry and the State of Texas.

**CTWC** takes a broad-based and multi-disciplinary approach that Is based on applying facts, current science, and best practices for water management. Learn more about this organization online at:

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